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103	18	203 9 Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202 42 Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204 140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
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147	2,520	147 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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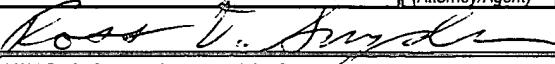
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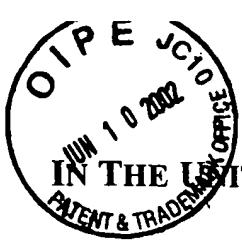
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Donald R. Mullen, et al.

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING AN INTEGRATED
CIRCUIT COVER

App. No.: 09/944,545 Filed: 08/31/2001

Examiner: Patricia M. Costanzo Group Art Unit: 2811

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In a communication dated April 4, 2002, the Examiner has required election of species. The Examiner has stated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Embodiment 1 of Figures 2-5

Embodiment 2 of Figures 6-9

Embodiment 3 of Figures 10 and 11

Embodiment 4 of Figures 12 and 13

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